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SUBJECT: FMG GIVES ITS VERSION OF KINSHASA OAU MEETING: ASSERTS
ITSELF AS CONFRONTATION LEADER AT CIEC

REF: KINSHASA 10427

1. FMG HAS ISSUED A SPECIAL STATEMENT ON RESULTS LAST WEEK'S
EXTRAORDINARY OAU MINISTERIAL SEDWLON IN KINSHASA. OFUCAL PRESS
RELEASE CALLS ON OAU "TO BEGIN TO LAY GREAT EMPHASIS" ON ECONOMIC
PROBLEMS OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES, WITH VIEW TO FOSTERING "INTRA-
AFRICAN COOPERATION" AND TO PROMOTING "PRINCIPLE OF COLLECTIVE SELF-
RELIANCE" (A FAVORITE THEME OF NIGERIA'S EX-TAFF COMMISSIONER GARBA-
SEE LAGOS 7148). AFTER REVIEWING INSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENTS REACHED
AT THE SESSION, STATEMENT CONCLUDES WITH ANNOUNCEMENT THAT NIGERIA AN
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ALGERIA "ARE SPONSORING" RESOLUTION ON CIEC QTE TO DEPLORE, IN
STRONG TERMS, THE NEGATIVE ATTITUDE EXHIBITED BY THE WESTERN
COUNTRIES... AND TO DRAW THEIR ATTENTION TO THE GRAVITY OF THE
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SITUATION UNQTE. RESOLUTION IS ALSO TO URGE G-19 MINISTERS
MEET PROMPTLY TO DECIDE ON COMMON STRATEGY, INDEED TO CONSIDER
WHETHER CIEC SHOULD "FOLD UP."

2. COMMENT: NOT TO BE COMPLETELY UPSTAGED BY ZAIREAN CONFERENCE
HOSTS (FMG STATEMENT MAKES NO MENTION OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S

AFRICAN COMMON MARKET PROPOSAL), NIGERIANS HAVE TAKEN OPPORTUNITY
TO PORTRAY THEMSELVES AS MAJOR SPOKESMAN ON AFRICAN ECONOMIC
AS WELL AS POLITICAL MATTERS. STATEMENT REFLECTS GROWING
DISPOSITION OF FMG TO PLAY MORE SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN POLITICIZING
NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC ISSUES. WE EXPECT NIGERIA TO BE INFORE-
FRONT OF ARGUMENT WITH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES OVER LLEGED LACK OF
PROGRESS AT CIEC.
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